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In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:

a supporting substrate made of insulating material;

a conductive pattern provided on a surface of the supporting substrate;

an external connecting terminal provided on a back surface of the supporting substrate and electrically connected to the conductive patterns;

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a circuit element provided on the conductive pattern; and

a <u>transparent</u> glass plate that covers the circuit element and that forms a hollow airtight portion between the supporting substrate and the transparent glass plate.

2. (Canceled)

- 3. (Original) A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the supporting substrate includes a flat supporting portion and a column portion, and the conductive patterns are provided on the flat supporting portion.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the transparent glass plate is adhered onto the column portion.
- 5. (Original)A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein a via hole is provided in the supporting substrate, and the circuit element and the external connecting terminals are electrically connected through the via hole.
- 6. (Original) A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the circuit element is formed of one of a semiconductor element and a fuse element.
- 7. (Original) A semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the fuse element is formed of a bonding wire.

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